

[0050] What is claimed is:

[c0001] A system for providing remote access to documents over a computer network comprising;

a client computer;

scan software running on the client computer providing an interface to an input device;

a web browser operating within the client computer;

an upload engine under the control of the browser for receiving a document from an input device;

an annotations engine under the control of the browser for accessing the document received by the upload engine; and

a web server for remote storage of the received document.

[c0002] The system of claim 1 wherein the input device is a document scanner, digital camera or other TWAIN compatible device.

[c0003] The system of claim 1 wherein document security is provided by the formation of a temporary working file formed by logical and physical metadata from the web server.

[c0004] A method providing remote access to document over a computer network comprising the steps of:

providing a client computer;

running scan software on the client computer thereby providing an interface to input devices;

operating a web browser within the client computer;

receiving a document as input to an upload engine under the control of the browser;

accessing the document via an annotations engine under control of the browser; and

storing the received document in a web server.

[c0005] The method of claim 4 wherein the input device is received from a TWAIN compatible device.

[c0006] The system of claim 4 wherein the security of the document is provided by the formation of a temporary working file using logical and physical metadata from the web server.

[c0007] A computer readable medium encoded with a set of executable instructions to perform a method for web browser based document scanning, remote storage and retrieval, the method comprising:

- interfacing with input devices;
- operating a web browser within a client computer;
- receiving a document from an input device to an upload engine under the control of the browser;
- accessing the document via an annotations engine under control of the browser; and
- storing the received document in a web server.